

DOING BUSINESS ON MAIN STREET

Economists here in Washington profess to see in the not distant future ANOTHER ROUND OF WAGE INCREASES DUE TO A POSSIBLE 20% RENT INCREASE AND HIGHER PRICES ON MOST CONSUMER GOODS.

Of interest to automobile dealers is lifting of ban on spare tires for new automobiles by OPS for reason that agency found it did not save rubber. Folks simply bought 'em anyway, paying additional cost.

For hardware and implement dealers, congress is considering removal of 15 per cent import tax on sisal for binder and baler twine which may insure better supply and lower price. National production authority is planning remedial action to remedy short supply of repairs for crawler tractors, such as tread shoes, links, pins and rollers.



AREA WAGE CEILINGS CONCERN FARMERS

Farmers as well as merchants in home towns of the country will be affected by adoption of procedures in wage stabilization board to establish area ceilings on farm labor wage rates. Generally, board's 10 per cent "catch-up" formula will be applied to agricultural labor, applying, however, to increases in farm rates above 95 cents an hour on or its equivalents, or to increases resulting in rates above 95 cents an hour. Regulation would be self-administering, with WSB approval required only for wage increases beyond that figure.

RETAIL STORE SURVEY UNDERWAY

Office of price administration is conducting country-wide survey of retail stores to lay basis for posted dollar-and-cent "community price" in nation's groceries, much the same as was in effect during World War II under OPA. Purpose of survey, OPS said, is to find where there is sufficient stability in prices of number of standard grocery items to make "community pricing" program possible. Safeway stores, large grocery chain, has filed a protest with OPS against the general ceiling price freeze promulgated last January, declaring it has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars through compliance with the price freeze.

RETAIL SALES DECLINE IN NATION

Retail sales in June showed 1 1/2 per cent decline from May, but were 3 per cent above a year ago with total for month of \$12,300,000,000. Largest decreases were registered in apparel and in building material and hardware group, about 5 per cent. Some increases in apparel prices were recently granted by OPS on theory the agency has no control over import of wool.

Farm equipment retailers industry asked OPS for specially designed regulation for that industry, including parts, recommending tailored regulation based on old OPA regulations which provide for percentage mark-up over manufacturers price lists. Indications are industry may be granted such regulation.

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ARMED SERVICES QUESTION BOX

(Send your questions about the armed forces or any aspect of military service to: Walter Shead, Armed Services Question Box, 1057 National Press Building, Washington 4, D. C. Answers will be given in this column.)

Q. UNDER the program for the rotation of combat personnel from Korea, 32,000 officers and enlisted personnel had embarked from the far east command for the United States as of July 10, the army reports. The rate of rotation will be increased to 30,000 per month for the next three months.

Q. More than 325,000 officers and enlisted personnel of the army organized reserve corps not on active duty have received physical examinations and are now being evaluated administratively. This program is designed to bring up to date the records of all army reservists, thus enabling more effective utilization of current reservist skills.

Q. I am a regular GI bill student, now on summer vacation. Will I be able to continue school this fall, even though I wasn't actually in training on July 25 cut-off date? S.E.R., Rockville, Ore.

A. Yes. A normal interruption for summer vacation would not stop you from continuing your training this fall, after the cut-off date. VA regulations state that generally a veteran must be in training by that date, unless his training is interrupted for reasons beyond his control.

Uniform Standards Set Up for ROTC

Uniform standards for the selection of educational institutions to participate in reserve officer training corps programs and the selection and retention of ROTC students have recently been approved by Gen. George Marshall, secretary of defense. It was reported last week.

These new policies provide that, in order to be eligible for ROTC participation an institution must: (1) express a desire for the estab-

lishment of an ROTC unit through application, (2) be accredited by the appropriate association, (3) offer and provide adequate physical facilities as required by the respective military departments, and (4) be capable of producing annually for any one military department a minimum of fifty commissioned officers in non-technical branches, or twenty-five commissioned officers in technical branches for all of the ROTC activities.



Oregon Showdown

OREGON MAY be the show down state where General Eisenhower finally makes up his mind whether "to run or not to run"—and on what ticket.

The situation in Oregon was outlined to Ike's political chief-of-staff, Sen. Jim Duff of Pennsylvania, the other day by Robert Letts Jones, publisher of the Salem, Ore., Capital Journal. Jones pointed out that Oregon has a primary ruling whereby any person can be entered in the race by a petition of 1,000 signatures—whether the candidate wants his name entered or not.

Thus Eisenhower's name could be entered in the Oregon presidential primary by 1,000 of his friends, entirely without his consent, and as a means of testing out his political strength.

The Oregon primary has another interesting angle, Jones explained to Senator Duff. The state attorney general has ruled that no candidate can run unless his party affiliation is known, thus Eisenhower would be forced, at that time, to be stamped either as a Republican or a Democrat.

Since the Oregon primary is May 16 and since all names have to be filed ninety days in advance, the showdown for Eisenhower would be sometime in February.

Note—It's a good bet that Ike's friends—and he has a lot in the northwest—will toss his hat into the ring through the Oregon primary.

Dressy General

When this column told how Gen. Emil C. Kiel, commander of the air force in the Caribbean, had sent his plane all the way from Ecuador to Panama to get his dinner jacket for a dinner given him by the Ecuadorian defense minister, the U.S. air force queried Kiel, wanting to know if the "Pearson story" was accurate.

Gen. Kiel replied that he had sent a plane back from Ecuador to Panama, but that he had not sent it to bring back his dinner jacket.

However, officials of the defense department pressed him further, finally got an admission that though the plane had not brought back the general's dinner jacket, it had brought back his "full dress uniform."

Propaganda Hurts

Reports from behind the iron curtain indicate that one reason for the seizure of AP correspondent William Oatis by Czechoslovakia was that American propaganda through the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe is hurting.

When the Communies want to get something out of the U.S.A., their crudest but most successful technique is to seize an American citizen, and hold him as a hostage until we come across with the ransom money.

The reported ransom money in Czechoslovakia is to curtail the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, both really hurting the Communist government. In fact, the Voice of America has had the Czech government in a state of jitters.

Before Foreign Minister Clementis was purged, the voice made a categorical prediction that he and eight other top Czechs would be arrested. For weeks, the voice pounded home this prediction, giving the exact names of the prospective victims. The Czechs listened but were skeptical.

Then suddenly Clementis was arrested. With him were arrested four of the eight others the Voice of America had named. All Czechoslovakia seethed at the news. The accuracy of the Voice of America was commented on everywhere, and its listening audience has doubled. More than ever, Czechs are tuning in on the voice to see who will be purged next.

Note—Despite the state department's remarkable propaganda job, the budget of the Voice of America and other propaganda projects has been slashed to ribbons. Congressmen who have been doing the slashing have been invited to come to the state department briefing room and get the story—much of it confidential—of what the department is doing. However, only two or three have bothered to get acquainted with the activities of the agency whose work they pass upon.

MacArthur Report

President Truman is pressing Democratic senators to write a report on the MacArthur investigation. They had planned to forget about a report, because they feared a majority would not agree to blasting MacArthur. However, the President believes Chairman Dick Russell of Georgia is honest enough to accept the evidence, which most observers consider to have been clearly and overwhelmingly against MacArthur.



REDS PLAY HOST . . . Two North Korean soldiers haul a case of beer across the courtyard in Kaesong as the Communists played host to allied delegates at the truce conference. The talks on a cease-fire agenda for the Korean war were in recess at the time until the Reds could get advice from Peiping. The Communists finally acceded on their demand for removal of all foreign troops in Korea.



PLEA ON CONTROLS . . . In Washington, D. C., Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston declares emphatically that the house of representatives in its action on controls legislation has kicked the American people in the teeth and in the pocketbook, as well as the stomach. Johnston told newsmen that congress has passed proposals which would make completely unworkable any plans for controlling living costs.



INTERNATIONAL CAMP . . . Leis of welcome are offered by Joan Castroverde of Hawaii to Marilyn Stewart, Oswego, Ore., and Kiyoko Yamanouchi, Tokyo, Japan. These girls are delegates to the international Girl Scout encampment at Home Valley, Wash. There are 96 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts here from 14 countries and territories. The encampment is pioneer in style with all the girls living in tents and cooking their meals over open fires.



COSTELLO IN CONTEMPT . . . Frank Costello arrives at federal court house, New York City, after indictment on charges of contempt of the U.S. senate. Charges stem from his refusal to answer questions by senate crime committee.



ENLISTED MEN FRATERNIZE . . . While United Nations and Communist armistice delegates disagreed over a demarcation line in Korea in their cease-fire negotiations, two soldiers of opposing sides get together for a little by-play. On the road to Kaesong, Cpl. Early F. McIntosh, Brooklyn, general headquarters photographer, receives a Chinese Mao Tze-Tung emblem from a Chinese Communist soldier. The ceremony was performed in mock seriousness.



HUSBANDS NOTICE! . . . Writer Rebecca Reyher, back from Africa, says man doesn't pay enough attention to his wife. She cites as example a chief who took 104 wives, but lost 54 of them because they became lonely.

Adhesive tape (or the gummy residue therefrom) can be removed from windowpanes with ordinary cleaning fluid.

White is the traditional color of mourning in Korea. Since it is worn for three years for close relatives, Korean families are in mourning white much of the time.

The average Korean, excluding the half million Christians, believes in a mixture of spirit worship or animism, Buddhism, and Confucianism.

Average house lighting circuits function satisfactorily on 15-ampere fuses, while circuits working appliances may require 20 amperes.

Advertisement for Clabber Girl Baking Powder. Includes a cartoon of a girl saying 'BELIEVE ME, YOU CAN BE SURE WITH CLABBER GIRL' and an image of the product tin.

SAYS "GOODBYE" TO CONSTIPATION

"I have had great success with ALL-BRAN. After years of constipation, I am now regular. Thanks to my ounce of ALL-BRAN every day!" Victor Sands, 163 Dundee Avenue, Paterson, N. J. One of many unsolicited letters from users. If troubled with constipation due to lack of dietary bulk, do this: eat an ounce (about 1/2 cup) of tasty Kellogg's ALL-BRAN for breakfast daily, drink plenty of water! If not satisfied after 10 days, return empty carton to Kellogg's, Battle Creek, Mich. DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK!

Housework Easy Without Nagging Backache

When kidney function slows down, many folks complain of nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness. Don't suffer longer with these discomforts! If reduced kidney function is getting you down—due to such common causes as stress and strain, over-exertion or exposure to cold. Minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages. Don't neglect your kidneys! If these conditions bother you, try Doan's Pills—a mild diuretic. Used successfully by millions for over 50 years. While often otherwise caused, it's amazing how many times Doan's give happy relief from these discomforts—help the 15 miles of kidney tubes and filters flush out waste. Get Doan's Pills today!

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Advertisement for Yodora checks perspiration odor. Includes an image of a woman and the product packaging.